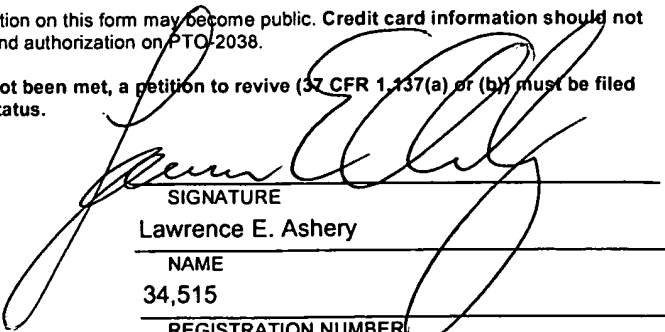



<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER <b>MAT-8872US</b>  U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/587778</b> To Be Assisted
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2005/000564	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 19 January 2005 (19.01.2005)	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 30 January 2004 (30.01.2004)
TITLE OF INVENTION <small>COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM, INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, TUNNEL MANAGEMENT APPARATUS, INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD, TUNNEL MANAGEMENT METHOD, AND PROGRAM</small>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>Hajime MAEKAWA and Takumi IKEDA</b>		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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